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RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 5, 2006, the following remarks and a Rule 132 Declaration are respectfully submitted for entry and consideration. The Action set a 3 month shortened statutory period for reply, making this paper due April 5, 2006. This reply is timely filed and no petition for an extension of time is required.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any necessary fee or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 03-1935.